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1. Fürstenwalde (V33), 2-3 June 1949

a. The 2,500-3,000 troops in Fürstenwalde belong to an AA Guards Division. * Artillery and Guards insignia predominate.

b. Light and medium AA guns up to 85 mm, vehicles, and other equipment are kept in airfield hangars since there is no storage space in the barracks area. (Barracks are now being enlarged). One hangar is used as a vehicle repair shop; two buildings fronting the street have been fenced in with barbed wire and are used as a fuel depot.

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2. Zossen-Wünsdorf Area (Z91), 3-12 June 1949

a. Estimated area strength: Wünsdorf.....12-14,000
Zossen.....2,000
Kummersdorf.....1,600
Rehagen-Klausdorf.....1,200
Sperenberg.....100

b. Units are somewhat overstrength. This may be due to a certain influx of officers and EM from other areas for training.

c. General observation indicates that recruits have been allocated to existing units, the recruits numbering thirty to forty percent of individual unit strengths. Basic training of the 1928 men appears to have been completed by the end of May. Special courses are now in progress, e.g., drivers school, artillery and armored training, etc.

d. Armored vehicles number 200, of which forty are JS-1 and JS-2 types. These never participate in weekly exercises.

e. Special training courses are continually in progress. The artillery school is run by an artillery unit in Kummersdorf (Z80). An engineer course is conducted for other services in Sperenberg (Z80). A special course for officers from the Magdeburg-Dessau-Köthen area runs for approximately four weeks, 40-50 officers attending at a time. Though given in Sperenberg, this course is run by a special engineer unit in Rehagen (Z81).

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Some exchanges are evident: on 10 June, twenty-five officers of all ranks arrived from Magdeburg for training and an equal number of officers hitherto accredited to Zossen departed for Magdeburg.

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This would be 6 Guards AAA Division.

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